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Steven Contente
Town Manager
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Subject: State Review of Comprehensive Plan

Dear Mr. Contente:

Recognizing that municipal government is responsible for land use, the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act (the Act) was adopted with the intent of establishing and maintaining a procedure for coordinating planning at state and municipal levels. It is clear that both State government and Rhode Island's cities and towns share an interest and responsibility in promoting orderly growth and development as well as ensuring the protection and management of our land, water, and natural and cultural resources.

I am very pleased and impressed that over the past two years that the Bristol Department of Planning and Development and my staff formed a partnership that brought the *Town of Bristol 2016 Comprehensive Community Plan* (the Plan) from a draft document to a final plan that was adopted by the Bristol Town Council on January 25, 2017. As a result of this collaboration, the Plan not only reflects the desires of Bristol's residents pertaining to local issues but also supports the state's desire to coordinate issues of regional and statewide concern. As a result, the Plan now serves as a basis for promoting consistency of State actions and programs with Bristol's goals and policies.

The Act requires that I review municipal comprehensive plans to ensure that comprehensive plans comply with the requirements listed in RIGL § 45-22.2-9(d). Therefore, with regard to the *Town of Bristol 2016 Comprehensive Community Plan* as adopted by the Town Council on January 25, 2017, I hereby find that:

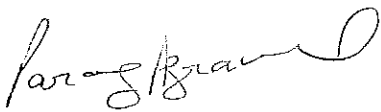
- 1) the intent and goals of the Act as stated in § 45-22.2-3(b)(1) and (c)(1) through (10) have been met;
- 2) the Plan is internally consistent and complete as required by § 45-22.2-6;
- 3) the Plan is consistent with, and embodies, the goals and policies of the State and its departments and agencies as contained in the State Guide Plan and the laws of the State;
- 4) municipal planning activities have been coordinated according to the provisions of § 45-22.2-7;
- 5) the Plan has been officially adopted and submitted for review in accordance with § 45-22.2-8 and other applicable procedures;
- 6) the Plan complies with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Planning Council; and, that
- 7) adequate, uniform, and valid data have been used in preparing the plan or amendment.

Based on these findings, I certify that the *Town of Bristol 2016 Comprehensive Community Plan* is consistent with the goals, findings, and intent as established by the Act.

I greatly appreciate the level of hard and dedicated work that went into the production of this plan. In order to publicly recognize this accomplishment, I would like to invite you, the Director of Community Development Diane Williamson, and any other Town representatives to attend a presentation of the Certification of the Comprehensive Plan at the meeting of the State Planning Council scheduled for 9:00 on March 9, 2017. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Powers Building.

Congratulations and on behalf of the State of Rhode Island, we look forward to working with your town in realizing the desired future as expressed by the residents of Bristol through your Comprehensive Plan.

Yours truly,



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